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### **Anglers awarded grand prizes in northern squawfish tournament**

**\$500 prize winners chosen for longest fish**

**Bonneville Power Administration**

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**When:** Monday, July 28, 1 p.m.-- prizes awarded for Lower Columbia

Grand Tournament

**Where:** Northern squawfish registration stations participating in derbies:

- Gleason Boat Ramp located in Portland on NE 42nd and Marine Drive, Portland
- Washougal Boat Ramp, Port of Camas, WA
- The Fishery at Covert's Landing, Dodson, OR
- Hamilton Island, North Bonneville, WA

**What:** Northern squawfish derbies give anglers a chance to win valuable prizes. Three grand prize winners for the longest fish will be chosen at each station and will split \$850 in cash. Nine winners of the daily derby contest for the longest fish will receive gift certificates to Fisherman's Marine Supply or merchandise from sponsoring businesses. Derbies were held from July 19-27, at participating registration stations (listed above) along the Columbia River.

**Who:** The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) sponsors the derbies and pays anglers to catch northern squawfish as part of the annual

Northern Squawfish Sport-Reward Fishery program, a comprehensive effort to mitigate for fish and wildlife affected by federal hydropower development in the Columbia Basin.

**Why:** Derbies are held during the five-month northern squawfish sport-reward fishery season to encourage participation and provide added incentives for anglers. Northern squawfish are major

predators of young salmon and steelhead, and the annual sport-reward fishery program is a way to help keep a check on the balance between the numbers of squawfish and the numbers of salmon.

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